

I strongly object to the use of media conglomerates to promote ONLY one side of the political story, such as Sinclair Broadcasting is currently doing. I believe the courts should intervene and force Sinclair to either drop their showing of the Kerry slam, or Sinclair should ALSO be forced to air Fahrenheit 911 in order to provide equal time to the Democrats. The public is TERRIFIED of such right-wing tactics and hopefully Sinclair will be negatively impacted by their biased decision-making. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.